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His Tribute and Warning July 12, 1937

"Oregon isn't the richest, and Oregon isn't the oldest, it is just one of the greatest states in the Union."

The tribute was paid by Henry Baldwin Ward, eminent biologist, in an address Friday before the Izaak Walton league in Portland. Dr. Ward is secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is vice president of the National Parks association. He is a former president of Izaak Walton Leagues of America.

And another statement that he made arrested sharply his hearers' attention. "Correct and stop the pollution of the Willamette river," he said, "before it is forever too late." The Hudson he knew once as a noble and beautiful stream. It is irretrievably committed to its degradation as an open sewer. The Willamette can yet be saved.

This is the statement of a scientist. It is beyond challenge. It deals with one of Oregon's greatest values. And Dr. Ward makes these additional points:

Nothing is more essential to our country now and in the future than the proper development of its natural resources. During the last century we have been reaching eagerly after the stored-up wealth of the richest area on the face of the globe. Each one of us has been trying to grab for himself all he could scoop up regardless of the effect on the other fellow and with no thought for the general welfare. What has been the result? Some resources have been destroyed. Regions have been crippled. General welfare has been reduced.

What are our natural resources? Water, life, land with all its minor wealth, and climate, to which each may add his own list of little things he fancies. Among these, water stands clearly first. Without it, life ceases and land lies dormant. A nation is in despair when the water supply fails. Hope grows brightest with returning rains. But water must be guarded, because to guard it means to sustain life, and not to do so means to endanger life. Whenever water is employed mechanically and without regard to its importance to life itself is imperfectly employed. Whenever its purity is sacrificed, it becomes a menace to life. Its primitive value is destroyed.

So, when gentlemen in Portland and officials at the city hall allow pollution of the Willamette to continue they are endangering the life of a river and the life of a community. No excuse is sufficient to excuse the failure to install a sewage disposal system for Portland and for the Willamette as a whole.

Death of Pack

Sirs:

Since TIME records the events of the country, why is it that no mention was made of the death of Charles Lathrop Pack of Lakewood, N. J. on June 14?

The records show that Mr. Pack was one of the leading citizens of the U. S. in conserving forestry and other outdoor resources. He established forestry foundations at Yale and the University of Michigan. Demonstration forests were donated to Syracuse, Yale, Cornell, Washington and Michigan Universities. Scholarships in forestry were provided and he left a fortune in a trust fund to conserve the natural resources of this country.

Believing that the basis of wealth is in the soil, and that our people should conserve what the soil produces, Mr. Pack devoted his life to philanthropic projects. He served as President of the American Forestry Association, endowed, with his son Arthur Newton Pack, American Tree Association, American Nature Association, and *Nature* magazine.

I think TIME should record the death of such a man.

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TIME regrets that lack of space prevented mention of the death of able Conservationist Charles Lathrop Pack, who in addition to his distinguished work in forestry, founded the Cleveland Trust Co., was president of the World Court League (1921), aided in the reforestation of France, England and Italy after the War.—ED.

Journal July 24, 1937
**Bean, Finley Attack
Anti-Pollution Bill**

The anti-pollution bill drawn by State Senator Byron G. Carney drew the fire of conservationists and Portland officials when discussed before the steering committee of the Oregon Stream Purification league Friday. Discussion was carried over until a meeting next week.

City Commissioner Ormond R. Bean and Naturalist William L. Finley formed the spearhead of the opposition, denouncing the bill as merely indicating and not remedying the evils.

Charles H. Carter, president of the Oregon Woolen Mills, voiced industrial opposition on the basis that to shut down the St. Helens pulp mill for one hour would "throw 500 men out of work."

The Carney bill also contained a provision for appointment of a state advisory board on water conservation to consist of the state sanitary engineer, the state engineer, state master fish warden, state game supervisor, and representatives of agriculture and the affected industries.